

## **Minutes**

### **Asheville City Council - Public Safety Committee**

**March 13, 2007 – 7 to 8:20 a.m.**

### **Fourth Floor Municipal Building Training Room**

*“Operationally Aware – Policy Focused”*

**Present:** Council Members: Dr. Carl Mumpower, Chair; Jan Davis,  
Staff: Jeff Richardson, William Hogan, Greg Grayson, Gary Cornett,  
Scott Burnette

Bryan Freeborn was absent.

- **Approval of February Minutes**
  - The committee by consensus approved the February meeting minutes.
- **Informal Discussion**
  - Informal discussion of Quick Response Vehicle video that the fire department is working on with Lauren Bradley. This is a 15 minute video that will be shown on the City television Channel. Chief Grayson will provide a copy to all council members. Fleet stock report upcoming for April agenda.
- **APD Staffing/DSU Focus**
  - Presentation given by Chief Hogan.
  - Chief Hogan reported a closing date of March 21, 2007 for applicants for the 5 DSU positions.
  - Selection by end of March.
  - Work schedule to be developed by end of March.
  - Councilman Mumpower asked to discuss coverage patterns at the April meeting.
- **Drug Tip Line Discussion/Review**
  - Chief Hogan gave report on the drug tip line.
  - Committee by consensus directed that Chief Hogan consider and evaluate giving feedback to callers.
- **911 PSAP Joint Communications Center Discussion**
  - Briefly discussed the joint communications center – a more thorough report and discussion will be provided at the April meeting.
  - Consultant report forthcoming which will address any potential operational areas of attention as the City and County move forward in communications center consolidation.
  - Committee directed that 911 topic be put on every forthcoming monthly agenda.
- **Prostitution Overview – a) high-tech; b) low-tech**
  - Chief Hogan gave report and provided handout with statistics on prostitution.

- Dr. Mumpower, with consensus, directed staff to schedule a meeting with Asheville Citizen-Times leaders to discuss pro-active media coverage on future Asheville Police Department prostitution sting arrests. Dr. Mumpower wishes to be included in any meetings. Committee also directed staff to do analysis on models from other states with more stringent laws and penalties reference prostitution.
- A one page executive summary (brief and simple) will be provided by Chief Hogan at the April meeting.
- **Pursuit Policy Review**
  - Chief Hogan distributed policy and gave overview.
  - A discussion followed.
  - Committee directed Chief Hogan to report back to the committee after the policy has been in effect for some time and provide information to determine the policy's effectiveness (Chief Hogan is to use his judgment on when to report back to the committee).
- **Public Comment**
  - There was no public comment.
- **Meeting Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.
- **Next Meeting**
  - Tuesday, April 3, 2007. The committee asked that the following items be placed on next month's agenda:
  - Approval of minutes
  - 911 PSAP Joint Communications Center Discussion
  - Public Safety Vehicle Replacement Analysis
  - DSU Scheduling/Coverage Patterns
  - Update on Computer Forensic Detective
- **Future Agenda Items**
  - Adult Bookstores
  - Strategies for strengthening relations with court systems
  - Reasonable Suspicion/Probable Cause
  - Update on Pursuit Policy Changes